GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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COMPENSATORY AFFORESTATION
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the land areas targeted to be brought under the Compensatory Afforestation programme;

(b) whether the target has been achieved;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a),(b),(c)&(d): Under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, as and when any forest land is diverted for non-forestry purpose, compensatory afforestation over equivalent non-forest land or over degraded forest areas double in extent in lieu of the area diverted is stipulated to be undertaken at the cost of the Project.As on 30th September, 2008, compensatory afforestation over about 1.2 million hectares has been stipulated.However, achievement against this stipulation has been 41.9%.The basic reason for slow progress in this regard has been availability of funds for the work.